



## **Committee on Legislative Matters and the Northampton City Council**

### Members:

*(Vacant)*

*Councilor David A. Murphy*

*Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell*

*Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra*

### MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 12, 2016

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers  
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call: At 5:00 p.m. Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order. Present were the following City Councilors: Councilor Murphy, O'Donnell and Sciarra. One seat on the committee is vacant.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

A. Minutes of the May 9, 2016 Meeting: Councilor Sciarra moved to approve the minutes; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 yes, 0 no, 1 vacant.

4. Items Referred to Committee

A. 16.135 An Ordinance Relative to a Bus Stop on Main Street - Referred to Committee on August 18, 2016

Councilor O'Donnell explained that the section of the code that this ordinance is amending is currently incorrect. The bus stop is on the side of the block closer to the church; the ordinance says that the stop is on the other end. The ordinance will move the stop from the church end back toward the Masonic Street end. The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority came to the Transportation and Parking Commission meeting and made a request to change the stop. In their opinion, moving it back is a safer location for the stop. It will cause the City to lose one parking space. The stop will now be closer

to the crosswalk at Masonic Street. Councilor O'Donnell noted that the change was discussed thoroughly in the TPC meeting and looked at for safety issues primarily and received unanimous support for the change. PVTA had also requested elongating the bus stop on the other side of the street. This would have required eliminating one parking spot near the crosswalk. There was a divided vote to elongate the bus stop and the measure did not pass.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 yes, 0 no, 1 vacant.

B. 16.136 An Ordinance relative to parking on Old South Street - Referred to Committee on August 18, 2016

The ordinance will, among other things, clarify parking on Old South Street.

The ordinance will add one parking spot at the end of Old South Street near Ryan's Auto near Brewster Court. It also clarifies existing reality up and down the street. The metered parking will allow for two hour parking. There is currently a fifteen minute parking space in the general location. A Maxi Bus service occupied one of the parking spots, however, since the business' route has changed, the parking allowed will now be metered.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 yes, 0 no, 1 vacant.

5. New Business: None

6. Adjourn: At 5:06 p.m. Councilor Sciarra moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 yes, 0 no, 1 vacant.

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